

11/29/68

Dear Dick,

Although I have not yet cleared the stack that accumulated during the month-long trip, haven't yet started to type the notes and may have to forgo that - and am preparing to go to N.O. again Wed. 12/4, I cannot fail to answer with thanks yours of 11/23, just arrived today.

Very good, and I much appreciate it. I doubt they'll trust anyone, and I hope I'm wrong, but if they do the result could be excellent. We will send him a set of books as soon as possible. We are really snowed under. They will be for him to keep. If he wants a set to send home, he need only ask. Or more than one, like for libraries, etc. Also, if they'd like to use or reprint, no problems there. I think that, translated into Spanish, the books would do well in LA. However, if they got interested in O in NO, they should have the original ms. That is the only one edited, and the editing was with a shears. Some of the best stuff was left out. I would supply them with all the documents, too.

If you are missing any of the books, send us a label with what you want on the back. Gary Schoener takes a few around when he speaks and sells them. On the original editions he makes \$2.00 each, which helps defray his expenses. We are also having some new order forms made up, if you can use any.

I so wish it were possible for me to speak directly to the Cubans on this. I think it would be very much to everyone's advantage. I suspect that all the babies in this country were followers of Batista. And would I love a picture of Bringuier carrying a "Yankee Go Home" sign. Sailors told Orestes Pena he did such things.

May I suggest you do not overload Breton? Let him first have my stuff and read that, which may be as much as he'll do. If he then wants others, let him have what he wants. If you do not have, perhaps I can lend. There is really little else in the others, nothing really major, and there is much in mine not elsewhere. I doubt if he will take the time to read the entire field, and mine is the only stuff with the angles of special interest to him. He is in error on the Cuban stuff anyway and will just confuse him. Like calling Bertrand a "lawyer"! After he reads this, let me give him a set of Penn's to keep. You see, Penn does have stuff on arms smuggling others do not have. It is not vital but might interest them.

I think I told you, but if I didn't, I had a book on the Cuba Missile crisis (I never call it Cuban, for it wasn't) researched and ready to write when I decided the doctrine of the other books required I continue writing. As soon as I can I plan to return to it. I do wish I could discuss this with them. It is quite possible I know what they do not, and it is certain they know what I do not.

I agree with you on Dawney. My greatest fear is not his personal integrity, for publishers are corrupt in their business, which seems to require it, but need not be in any other aspect of their lives. However, I do fear the Joesten influence, about which I can say nothing good. I agree the two Deneys is likely. What will it hurt if his mail is read? I do not share the common paranoia on this. I assume it and occasionally exploit it, as I do the phone also. It can be done, and I have succeeded, in measureable ways.

Excuse the haste, and again, my sincere thanks.